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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee Seeks Members

KANAB, Utah - The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in Utah announced it is seeking public nominations for five open positions on its 15-member Monument Advisory Committee (MAC), which provides advice and recommendation to GSENM on science issues and the achievement of GSENM Plan objectives. Nominations are due into GSENM by close of business on May 6, 2015.

The GSENM-MAC, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in land use planning and the management of the landers under BLM management in GSENM.

“The MAC is integral to the management of the Monument,” said Monument Manager Cindy Staszak, “The committee’s diversity – scientists, elected officials, educators, business and environmental leaders – provides me and my staff with a broader insight into issues impacting the Monument and the surrounding communities; and in effect, enhances our ability to manage the Monument lands for multiple uses where appropriate, as an outdoor laboratory for scientific research, all the while conserving resources for future generations.”

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the MAC. Nominees will be judged on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council’s geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form available from the Monument; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Three members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below:

- A Livestock Grazing permittee, to represent livestock operators;
- A representative of the State of Utah;
- A Tribal representative to represent tribal interests on the Monument; and,

Two members will be appointed as special government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise:

- Paleontology; and
- Systems Ecology.

The specific category the nominee would be representing should be identified both in the letters of recommendation and the nomination form.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Monument website at http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/grand_staircase-escalante.html, or search “GSENM” on your favorite search engine, and look at “In The Spotlight.”

Nominations should be sent by close of business May 6, 2015 to Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, GSENM Headquarters Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-1209; or email: lcrutchf@blm.gov; or fax to 435-644-1305.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In fiscal year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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